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From: Wayne Hedberg
To: Doug Jensen; Joelle Burns
Date: 12/18/01 2:28PM
Subject: Hiko Bell (Bud Covington) Overdue Fees - phonecall documentation

FYI,

I received a call from Bud Covington this morning (12/19/01) in response to his receipt of our latest fee delinquency notice. He apologized for not responding sooner but said they simply had no money right now. He also said they may have a sale pending (possibly this week) on the well. Stated some dozer work has been done to clean up the site, but not finished due to money problems. He said BLM is square with him on current status for time being. Not exactly sure what that means??

I explained that although we are sympathetic and understanding to his plight, we are bound by Statute and Rule to turn over our delinquent notices to collections department when an operator continues to not make payment. He said he understood and hoped that they would work something out with the property before we eventually processed the notices to collections.

Joelle, I forgot to ask for the permit number, but imagine you have record of same. Not sure if he's the operator or acting on Hiko Bell's behalf.